

DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-10 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The prior art taken either singularly or in combination fails to anticipate or fairly suggest the limitations of the independent claims, in such a manner that a rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102 or §103 would be proper. Although the prior art teaches a layered product comprising an ultraviolet film layered on a photochromic resin layer disposed on an optical substrate wherein the ultraviolet film has a thickness of 0.1 to 100 μm , the prior art fails to teach such a layered product meeting the transmissive properties as claimed in independent claim 1.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. King (U.S. Patent Number 7,189,456) teaches a photochromic optical article, Sternbergh (U.S. Patent Number 5,694,240) and Goudjiil (U.S. Patent Number 6,113,813) teach a layered product having ultraviolet blocking.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to DARRYL J. COLLINS whose telephone number is (571)272-2325. The examiner can normally be reached on 6:30 - 5:00 Monday - Thursday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ricky Mack can be reached on 571-272-2333. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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